



A Provisional Checklist of the Birds of Iraq

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Introduction

This is a provisional checklist of the birds recorded in Iraq up to December 2009. It is based on an extensive review of the ornithological literature and the results of five years of surveys throughout the country by Nature Iraq, an Iraqi non-governmental, environmental organization, working in cooperation with the Iraqi Ministry of Environment. During the last century many of the ornithological advances were made by non-Iraqis visiting the country for relatively short periods. The main exception to this was Bashir Allouse, whose classics *Avifauna of Iraq* was published in 1953 and *Birds of Iraq* in Arabic in 1963. From the late 1970s few bird surveys were made until Nature Iraq started its Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA)

programme in 2005 with the goal of identifying those sites that are important in Iraq for their biological diversity.

Originally based upon the criteria for Important Bird Areas (IBA) developed by BirdLife International (Evans 1994) the KBA project has been expanded to survey a wide range of biodiversity, but its core strength has focused on birds. These systematic surveys, the first of their kind in Iraq, have been conducted in summer and winter in three main regions of the country: the Mesopotamian Marshlands and coastal habitats of southern Iraq (2005-2009), the lakes, steppes, the woodlands and mountains of Kurdistan (2007-2009), and desert region of central and western Iraq (2009)

The provisional checklist uses the taxonomic order, English names and

scientific names now adopted by the Ornithological Society of the Middle East (see www.osme.org) and the forthcoming *Birds of the Middle East* (Porter and Aspinall, in prep). The sources for the preparation of the Iraq status are given under 'Primary reference source and notes'.

Little attempt has been made at this stage to include subspecies, though this will be an important action for future revisions. Furthermore with ever-evolving taxonomy we have been careful not to call this a *species* checklist. Whilst essentially that is what it is we are aware that it includes taxa where the subspecies of a 'parent species' has been recorded (e.g. Eastern Greylag Goose and Baltic Gull) or where there is continuing discussion on the merits of giving a taxa full species status (e.g.

Turkestan and Daurian Shrike or Hooded Crow and Mesopotamian Crow). Therefore this provisional checklist should not be regarded as a taxonomic authority.

Importantly, for completeness, two appendices are included with information on species that have not been included in the checklist. Appendix A lists species that have been cited in the ornithological literature for Iraq but are no longer considered acceptable without substantiation. Appendix B includes species that have been mentioned in publications but for which we have been unable to find any evidence of their origin; we have therefore concluded that they have probably been reported erroneously.

Provisional checklist of the birds of Iraq

English Name	Scientific name	Status in Iraq	Primary reference source and notes
Caspian Snowcock	<i>Tetraogallus caspius</i>	Status uncertain: Apparently Resident	Reports of hunters (via Nature Iraq)
Chukar Partridge	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
See-see Partridge	<i>Ammoperdix griseogularis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black Francolin	<i>Francolinus francolinus</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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			2009
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eastern Greylag Goose	<i>Anser anser rubrirostris</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Greater White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser albifrons</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Lesser White-fronted Goose	<i>Anser erythropus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-breasted Goose	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	Rare winter visitor	Allouse 1953
Mute Swan	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	Uncommon winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982
Bewick's Swan	<i>Cygnus columbianus bewickii</i>	Rare winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Whooper Swan	<i>Cygnus cygnus</i>	Rare winter visitor	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Shelduck	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Ruddy Shelduck	<i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Cotton Pygmy Goose	<i>Nettapus coromandelianus</i>	Vagrant	George 1969.
Gadwall	<i>Anas strepera</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Falcated Duck	<i>Anas falcata</i>	Vagrant	one record (1916). Reference:

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			Allouse 1953
Eurasian Wigeon	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Northern Shoveler	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant; may breed.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Northern Pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Garganey	<i>Anas querquedula</i>	Passage migrant; may breed.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Teal	<i>Anas crecca</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Marbled Duck	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-crested Pochard	<i>Netta rufina</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Pochard	<i>Aythya ferina</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Ferruginous Duck	<i>Aythya nyroca</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Tufted Duck	<i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Greater Scaup	<i>Aythya marila</i>	Rare winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp

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			1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Goldeneye	<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Smew	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Goosander	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956
Red-breasted Merganser	<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956
White-headed Duck	<i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Little Grebe	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	Resident (only endemic race); Winter visitor.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Great Crested Grebe	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-necked Grebe	<i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Greater Flamingo	<i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black Stork	<i>Ciconia nigra</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Western White Stork	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant and Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
African Sacred	<i>Threskiornis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp

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Ibis	<i>aethiopicus</i>		1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Northern Bald Ibis	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>	Former passage migrant; no records since 1920s	Not recorded since 1920s (Allouse 1953)
Glossy Ibis	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Spoonbill	<i>Platalea leucorodia</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor; Passage Migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus stellaris</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Little Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant; some winter.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor; Passage Migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; AL-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Squacco Heron	<i>Ardeola ralloides</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor; Passage Migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Al-Dabbagh 1998 Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Western Cattle Egret	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor; Passage Migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Al-Dabbagh 1198; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor; Passage Migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Al-Dabbagh; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Western Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Little Egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant; May breed.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Indian Reef Heron	<i>Egretta schistacea</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Great White Pelican	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Dalmatian Pelican	<i>Pelecanus crispus</i>	Uncommon winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982
Pygmy Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax pygmeus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Great Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Shag	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	Vagrant - not recorded since 1920s	Allouse 1953
African Darter	<i>Anhinga rufa</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Western Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Honey Buzzard	<i>Pernis apivorus</i>	Passage migrant or vagrant	Allouse 1953, George 1969
Black-winged	<i>Elanus</i>	Uncommon resident;	Salim Sandgrouse 24 (2);

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Kite	<i>caeruleus</i>	Winter visitor	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red Kite	<i>Milvus milvus</i>	Vagrant	Harrison 1955
Black Kite	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-eared Kite	<i>Milvus lineatus</i>	Status uncertain; has been recorded in winter.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Pallas's Fish Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>	Former winter visitor, not recorded since 1940s	Allouse 1953; George 1969.
White-tailed Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus albicilla</i>	Former winter visitor, not recorded since 1940s	Allouse 1953; George 1969.
Lammergeier	<i>Gypaetus barbatus</i>	Winter visitor; may breed	Allouse 1953; Boswell and Moore 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Egyptian Vulture	<i>Neophron percnopterus</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Griffon Vulture	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Cinereous Vulture	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>	Rare winter visitor	George 1969; Satellite tracked birds in 2007
Short-toed Snake Eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Bateleur	<i>Terathopius ecaudatus</i>	Vagrant	Harrison 1955
Western Marsh Harrier	<i>Circus aeruginosus</i>	Breeding resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant;	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Hen Harrier	<i>Circus cyaneus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Pallid Harrier	<i>Circus macrourus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA database 2005 - 2009.
Montagu's Harrier	<i>Circus pygargus</i>	Passage migrant; some winter	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq database 2005 - 2009.
Levant Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter brevipes</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Marchant 1962; Nature Iraq KBA surveys 2005-2009
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA database 2005 - 2009.
Northern Goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	Vagrant	Randel Rogers observation 2009 (Accepted by the IBRC)
Steppe Buzzard	<i>Buteo buteo vulpinus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Marchant and Macnab 1962; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Long-legged Buzzard	<i>Buteo rufinus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Greater Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila clanga</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Steppe Eagle	<i>Aquila nipalensis</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eastern Imperial	<i>Aquila heliaca</i>	Winter visitor and	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp

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Eagle		Passage migrant	1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Golden Eagle	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Booted Eagle	<i>Aquila pennata</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant; some winter.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Bonelli's Eagle	<i>Aquila fasciatus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Lesser Kestrel	<i>Falco naumanni</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Kestrel	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Merlin	<i>Falco columbarius</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Hobby	<i>Falco subbuteo</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Lanner Falcon	<i>Falco biarmicus</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953; K Ararat pers comm.
Saker Falcon	<i>Falco cherrug</i>	Rare resident; rare winter visitor; formerly commoner.	Allouse 1953; Boswell and Moore 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; information from Iraqi Society of Falconry.
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Barbary Falcon	<i>Falco pelegrinoides</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	George 1969; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Great Bustard	<i>Otis tarda</i>	Status uncertain; may be resident (old breeding records); Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956;
Macqueen's Bustard	<i>Chlamydotis macqueenii</i>	Winter visitor; may breed (bred formerly)	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Little Bustard	<i>Tetrax tetrax</i>	Status uncertain; flocks reported in 1940s but none before or since.	Moore and Boswell 1956
Water Rail	<i>Rallus aquaticus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Corncrake	<i>Crex crex</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956;
Little Crake	<i>Porzana parva</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Baillon's Crake	<i>Porzana pusilla</i>	Rare winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1963
Spotted Crake	<i>Porzana porzana</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956;
Purple Swamphen	<i>Porphyrio porphyrio</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Moorhen	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Resident; winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Coot	<i>Fulica atra</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Demoiselle Crane	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>	Status uncertain; probably vagrant	Allouse 1953; Marchant and Macnab 1962

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		now, but apparantly an uncommon winter visitor in 1910s	
Common Crane	<i>Grus grus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Stone-curlew	<i>Burhinus oediconemus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Marchant 1960; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq database 2005 - 2009.
Crab-plover	<i>Dromas ardeola</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-winged Stilt	<i>Himantopus himantopus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Pied Avocet	<i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Northern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Spur-winged Lapwing	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>	Resident; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-wattled Lapwing	<i>Vanellus indicus</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Sociable Lapwing	<i>Vanellus gregarius</i>	Rare passage migrant; some may winter; formerly very	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA

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		common	surveys database 2005 - 2009
White-tailed Lapwing	<i>Vanellus leucurus</i>	Resident; probably winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Vagrant	See: Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Marchant 1960 and 1961;
Pacific Golden Plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Status uncertain; Probably a winter visitor (although only confirmed observation is in Allouse)	Allouse 1953; (see also Moore and Boswell 1956 and Marchant 1960 and 1962: records here probably refer to this species)
Grey Plover	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Little Ringed Plover	<i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Kentish Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant .	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Lesser Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius atrifrons</i>	Uncommon winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Greater Sand Plover	<i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Caspian Plover	<i>Charadrius asiaticus</i>	Passage migrant; formerly commoner.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Marchant 1960

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			and 1961; Al-Dabbagh 1998
Eurasian Dotterel	<i>Charadrius morinellus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Scott and Carp 1982; Al-Dabbagh 1998;
Eurasian Woodcock	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	Uncommon winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982;
Jack Snipe	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	Winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Scott and Carp 1982;
Great Snipe	<i>Gallinago media</i>	Rare passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956
Common Snipe	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Bar-tailed Godwit	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Slender-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius tenuirostris</i>	Last recorded in 1979. May be extinct.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982
Eurasian Curlew	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Spotted Redshank	<i>Tringa erythropus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Redshank	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Marsh Sandpiper	<i>Tringa stagnatilis</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Greenshank	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Green Sandpiper	<i>Tringa ochropus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Wood Sandpiper	<i>Tringa glareola</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Terek Sandpiper	<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Ruddy Turnstone	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Vagrant	Cramp, S. and Simmons, K. E. L. (1983)
Sanderling	<i>Calidris alba</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956;
Little Stint	<i>Calidris minuta</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Temminck's Stint	<i>Calidris temminckii</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Curlew Sandpiper	<i>Calidris ferruginea</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Dunlin	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Broad-billed Sandpiper	<i>Limicola falcinellus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq database 2005-2009
Ruff	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Grey Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus fulicarius</i>	Vagrant	Moore and Boswell 1956
Cream-coloured Courser	<i>Cursorius cursor</i>	Resident or migrant breeder	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Collared Pratincole	<i>Glareola pratincola</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-winged Pratincole	<i>Glareola nordmanni</i>	Status uncertain; Passage migrant but apparently bred in 1920s.	Allouse 1953
Slender-billed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus genei</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor; Winter visitor and passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Black-headed Gull	<i>Chroicocephalus ridibundus</i>	Resident or breeding summer visitor; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Little Gull	<i>Hydrocoloeus minutus</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953

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Great Black-headed Gull	<i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Gull	<i>Larus canus</i>	Rare winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Caspian Gull	<i>Larus cachinnans</i>	Winter visitor	Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Yellow-legged Gull	<i>Larus michahellis</i>	Uncommon Winter visitor and Passage Migrant	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Armenian Gull	<i>Larus armenicus</i>	Winter visitor	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Baltic (Lesser Black-backed) Gull	<i>Larus fuscus fuscus</i>	Status uncertain; probably a passage migrant.	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Gull-billed Tern	<i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>	Resident/breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Caspian Tern	<i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Swift Tern	<i>Sterna bergii</i>	Breeding summer visitor, but no records since 1920s	Allouse 1953
Lesser Crested Tern	<i>Sterna bengalensis</i>	Breeding summer visitor, but no records since 1940s	Allouse 1953
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1956; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Bridled Tern	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	Breeding summer visitor	Allouse 1963

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Common Tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1956; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
White-cheeked Tern	<i>Sterna repressa</i>	Breeding summer visitor	Allouse 1963
Whiskered Tern	<i>Chlidonias hybrida</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor; Winter visitor and passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
White-winged Tern	<i>Chlidonias leucopterus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1956; Moore and Boswell 1956;
Black Tern	<i>Chlidonias niger</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Arctic Skua	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953
Pin-tailed Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles alchata</i>	Resident.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Spotted Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles senegallus</i>	Resident.	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-bellied Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles orientalis</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Lichtenstein's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles lichtensteinii</i>	Status uncertain; probably a rare winter visitor in 1920s, not recorded since.	Allouse 1953
Rock Dove	<i>Columba livia</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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			2009
Stock Dove	<i>Columba oenas</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Woodpigeon	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	Resident: winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	Breeding visitor; summer passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Rufous Turtle Dove	<i>Streptopelia meena</i>	Vagrant	Bunni 1988, Bull. Iraq Nat. Hist. Mus. 8 (1)
Eurasian Collared Dove	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Laughing Dove	<i>Stigmatopelia senegalensis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Namaqua Dove	<i>Oena capensis</i>	Vagrant or rare resident	Salim 2008
Rose-ringed Parakeet	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	Resident (from escaped birds)	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Great Spotted Cuckoo	<i>Clamator glandarius</i>	Passage migrant; probably breeds.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Cuckoo	<i>Cuculus canorus</i>	Passage migrant; probably breeds.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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			2009
Western Barn Owl	<i>Tyto alba</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998;
Pallid Scops Owl	<i>Otus brucei</i>	Resident or breeding summer visitor with some over-wintering.	Allouse 1953; Marchant 1960 and 1961; Scottand Carp 1982
Eurasian Scops Owl	<i>Otus scops</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998;
Eurasian Eagle Owl	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Marchant 1961; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq database 2005-2009.
Brown Fish Owl	<i>Bubo zeylonensis</i>	Not recorded since 1920s but could still occur as a very rare resident	Allouse 1953
Tawny Owl	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Rare winter visitor; may breed.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Little Owl	<i>Athene noctua</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Long-eared Owl	<i>Asio otus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Marchant 1960, 1961.
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Marchant 1960, 1961.
European Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus europaeus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Marchant 1960, 1961; Nature Iraq KBA surveys 2005 - 2009.
Egyptian	<i>Caprimulgus</i>	Breeding summer	Allouse 1953; Moore and

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Nightjar	<i>aegyptius</i>	visitor; Passage migrant.	Boswell 1956; Marchant 1960, 1961; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq database 2005-2009.
Alpine Swift	<i>Tachymarptis melba</i>	Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Swift	<i>Apus apus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1963
Pallid Swift	<i>Apus pallidus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Little Swift	<i>Apus affinis</i>	Rare summer visitor; may breed	Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Indian Roller	<i>Coracias benghalensis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Roller	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo cristata</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Green Bee-eater	<i>Merops</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953; George 1969.

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	<i>orientalis</i>		
Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	<i>Merops persicus</i>	Breeding visitor; summer Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Bee-eater	<i>Merops apiaster</i>	Breeding visitor; summer Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Hoopoe	<i>Upupa epops</i>	Breeding visitor; summer Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Wryneck	<i>Jynx torquilla</i>	Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos minor</i>	Resident	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Middle Spotted Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos medius</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Syrian Woodpecker	<i>Dendrocopos syriacus</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Green Woodpecker	<i>Picus viridis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-backed Shrike	<i>Lanius collurio</i>	Breeding visitor; summer Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Daurian Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius isabellinus</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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			2009
Turkestan Isabelline Shrike	<i>Lanius phoenicuroides</i>	Rare passage migrant	Allouse 1953;
Lesser Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius minor</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Steppe Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius pallidirostris</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	See Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; K Ararat (pers comm.). NOTE: Recently separated from <i>L excubitor</i> and subsequently from <i>L. meridionalis</i> Most migrant 'great grey' shrikes in Iraq will refer to this taxon.
Southern Grey Shrike	<i>Lanius meridionalis</i>	Resident	See Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Al-Dabbagh 1998. NOTE: Recently separated from <i>L excubitor</i> . Most resident 'great grey' shrikes in Iraq will refer to this taxon.
Woodchat Shrike	<i>Lanius senator</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Masked Shrike	<i>Lanius nubicus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Golden Oriole	<i>Oriolus oriolus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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			2009
Eurasian Magpie	<i>Pica pica</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Yellow-billed Chough	<i>Pyrrhocorax graculus</i>	Resident	Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Western Jackdaw	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	Resident; Winter visitor.	Allouse 1953; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Rook	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Hooded Crow	<i>Corvus cornix</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Mesopotamian Crow	<i>Corvus capellanus</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Brown-necked Raven	<i>Corvus ruficollis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Northern Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Hypocolius	<i>Hypocolius ampelinus</i>	Breeding visitor summer	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Sombre Tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Great Tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq

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			KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Blue Tit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Penduline Tit	<i>Remiz pendulinus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; K Ararat (pers comm)
Greater Hoopoe-Lark	<i>Alaemon alaudipes</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Calandra Lark	<i>Melanocorypha calandra</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Bimaculated Lark	<i>Melanocorypha bimaculata</i>	Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Al-Dabbagh 1998;
Bar-tailed Lark	<i>Ammomanes cinctura</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Desert Lark	<i>Ammomanes deserti</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Greater Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella brachydactyla</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant; may breed.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998;
Lesser Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella rufescens</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Marchant 1961; Al-Dabbagh 1998;
Crested Lark	<i>Galerida cristata</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Woodlark	<i>Lullula arborea</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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Eurasian Skylark	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Marchant 1961; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq database 2005-2009.
Black-crowned Sparrow-lark	<i>Eremopterix nigriceps</i>	Resident. No records since 1920s	Allouse 1953
Horned Lark	<i>Eremophila alpestris</i>	Resident	Allouse 1963; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Temminck's Lark	<i>Eremophila bilopha</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
White-eared Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Sand Martin	<i>Riparia riparia</i>	Breeding visitor; summer migrant. Passage	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Barn Swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Breeding visitor; summer migrant. Passage	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-rumped Swallow	<i>Cecropis daurica</i>	Breeding visitor; summer migrant. Passage	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne rupestris</i>	Breeding visitor, but may be resident; summer Passage migrant.	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Pale Crag Martin	<i>Ptyonoprogne obsoleta</i>	Rare breeding summer visitor	K Ararat 2009 observation: Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common House Martin	<i>Delichon urbicum</i>	Breeding visitor; summer Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	Resident; Probably winter visitor.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Long-tailed Tit	<i>Aegithalos caudatus</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Willow Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus trochilus</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus collybita</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Mountain Chiffchaff	<i>Phylloscopus sindianus</i>	Rare winter visitor	Allouse 1953
Eastern Bonelli's Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus orientalis</i>	Vagrant	O.Fadil pers comm.2008 winter observation
Wood Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus sibilatrix</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1963 (Camp Habaniya on 28 April 1958); Randel Rogers pers comm..
Hume's Leaf Warbler	<i>Phylloscopus humei</i>	Vagrant or rare winter visitor	Scottand Carp 1982
Basra Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus griseldis</i>	Breeding summer visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Great Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus arundinaceus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Clamorous Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus stentoreus</i>	Status uncertain. Probably resident	Allouse 1953. Status unclear because of confusion with Great Reed Warbler, and failure to separate the two until recently.
Moustached Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus melanopogon</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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			2009
Sedge Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus schoenobaenus</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq database 2005-2009
Eurasian Reed Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus scirpaceus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009; <u>Note:</u> The status of this species has been complicated by the earlier confusion with Basra Reed Warbler. Many early references to 'reed warblers' probably referred to Basra Reed Warbler
Marsh Warbler	<i>Acrocephalus palustris</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953
Eastern Olivaceous Warbler	<i>Iduna pallida</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Upcher's Warbler	<i>Hippolais languida</i>	Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Icterine Warbler	<i>Hippolais icterina</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
River Warbler	<i>Locustella fluviatilis</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953
Zitting Cisticola	<i>Cisticola juncidis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Graceful Prinia	<i>Prinia gracilis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Iraq Babbler	<i>Turdoides altirostris</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Afghan Babbler	<i>Turdoides huttoni</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Blackcap	<i>Sylvia atricapilla</i>	Passage migrant; may breed.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Garden Warbler	<i>Sylvia borin</i>	Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953
Barred Warbler	<i>Sylvia nisoria</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Lesser Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia curruca</i>	Passage migrant; probably breeds.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eastern Orphean Warbler	<i>Sylvia crassirostris</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Asian Desert Warbler	<i>Sylvia nana</i>	Uncommon winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Scott and Carp 1979
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	Passage migrant; probably breeds.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Ménétries's Warbler	<i>Sylvia mystacea</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Nuthatch	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eastern Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta tephronota</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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			2009
Wallcreeper	<i>Tichodroma muraria</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Myna	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>	Rare non-native resident.	Salim 1998
Rose-coloured Starling	<i>Pastor roseus</i>	Passage migrant;	Allouse 1953
Common Starling	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	Winter visitor; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Ring Ouzel	<i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1963
Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-throated Thrush	<i>Turdus atrogularis</i>	Rare winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957
Fieldfare	<i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1963; Marchant 1960, 1961; Marchant and Macbab 1962.
Redwing	<i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Rare winter visitor	Marchant and Macnab 1962
Song Thrush	<i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953
Mistle Thrush	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Bluethroat	<i>Luscinia svecica</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Thrush	<i>Luscinia luscinia</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq

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Nightingale			KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Nightingale	<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
White-throated Robin	<i>Irania gutturalis</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Rufous-tailed Scrub Robin	<i>Cercotrichas galactotes</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eversmann's Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus erythronotus</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1963, George 1969
Western Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Rare resident (semirufus); Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eastern Black Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicuroides</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Redstart	<i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Whinchat	<i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Stonechat	<i>Saxicola rubicola</i>	Winter visitor; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Siberian Stonechat	<i>Saxicola maurus</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Winter visitor and Passage migrant.	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-rumped Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe moesta</i>	Status uncertain; no reports since 1920s	See Allouse 1953;
Isabelline Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe isabellina</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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		and Passage migrant.	2009
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Kurdistan Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe xanthopyrma</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-tailed Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe chrysopygia</i>	Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Pied Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe pleschanka</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1956; Nature Iraq database 2005-2009
Eastern Black-eared Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe melanoleuca</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Desert Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe deserti</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant; may breed.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eastern Mourning Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe lugens</i>	Rare resident or vagrant.	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Finsch's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe finschii</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Hume's Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe albonigra</i>	Rare resident; probably breeds	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Rufous-tailed Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola saxatilis</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Blue Rock Thrush	<i>Monticola solitarius</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Spotted Flycatcher	<i>Muscicapa striata</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 -

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		migrant.	2009
Collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula albicollis</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953
Semi-collared Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula semitorquata</i>	Passage migrant; may breed.	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-breasted Flycatcher	<i>Ficedula parva</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
White-throated Dipper	<i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	Winter visitor; may be resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Spanish Sparrow	<i>Passer hispaniolensis</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Dead Sea Sparrow	<i>Passer moabiticus</i>	Resident; Breeding summer visitor.	Allouse 1953; Al-Dabbagh 1998; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	Rare winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957
Pale Rockfinch	<i>Carpospiza brachydactyla</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Rock Sparrow	<i>Petronia petronia</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Yellow-throated Sparrow	<i>Gymnoris xanthocollis</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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White-winged Snowfinch	<i>Montifringilla nivalis</i>	Winter visitor; may breed.	Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Alpine Accentor	<i>Prunella collaris</i>	Winter visitor; may breed	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Radde's Accentor	<i>Prunella ocularis</i>	Rare breeding summer visitor; may winter	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Dunnock	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	Rare winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Western Yellow Wagtail (includes all races)	<i>Motacilla flava</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Black-headed Wagtail	<i>Motacilla flava feldegg</i>	Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Citrine Wagtail	<i>Motacilla citreola</i>	Rare winter visitor	Scott and Carp 1982; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Grey Wagtail	<i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
White Wagtail	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Tawny Pipit	<i>Anthus campestris</i>	Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Long-billed Pipit	<i>Anthus similis</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1963
Meadow Pipit	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957
Tree Pipit	<i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Passage migrant; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Red-throated Pipit	<i>Anthus cervinus</i>	Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Water Pipit	<i>Anthus spinoletta</i>	Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Chaffinch	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Resident; Winter visitor.	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Brambling	<i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957
Red-fronted Serin	<i>Serinus pusillus</i>	Winter visitor; may breed	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Serin	<i>Serinus serinus</i>	Winter visitor	Moore and Boswell 1957; O.Fadil pers comm.
European Greenfinch	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Rare resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Siskin	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Uncommon winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
European Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Resident; Winter visitor and Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Twite	<i>Carduelis flavirostris</i>	Rare winter visitor or vagrant	Allouse 1963

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Common Linnet	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Eurasian Crimson-winged Finch	<i>Rhodopechys sanguineus</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1962
Trumpeter Finch	<i>Bucanetes githagineus</i>	Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957
Desert Finch	<i>Rhodospiza obsoleta</i>	Winter visitor; may breed	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957
Hawfinch	<i>Coccothraustes coccothraustes</i>	Uncommon winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957
Corn Bunting	<i>Emberiza calandra</i>	Resident; Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Yellowhammer	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Pine Bunting	<i>Emberiza leucocephalos</i>	Vagrant or rare winter visitor	Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Rock Bunting	<i>Emberiza cia</i>	Winter visitor; may be Resident	Allouse 1953; Moore and Boswell 1957; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Grey-necked Bunting	<i>Emberiza buchanani</i>	Rare breeding summer visitor	K Ararat 2009 observation: Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Smyrna Bunting (Eastern Cinereous Bunting)	<i>Emberiza semenowi</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Ortolan Bunting	<i>Emberiza hortulana</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

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Rustic Bunting	<i>Emberiza rustica</i>	Vagrant	Allouse 1963; George 1969.
Black-headed Bunting	<i>Emberiza melanocephala</i>	Breeding summer visitor; Passage migrant	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009
Common Reed Bunting	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Winter visitor	Allouse 1953; Nature Iraq KBA surveys database 2005 - 2009

Discussion

This is a *provisional* checklist of the bird species recorded in Iraq. During its preparation the authors have been conscious that there may well be unpublished (and even published) observations of which they are not aware. One of the main aims therefore is to seek amendments and corrections - it should thus be regarded as a work in progress.

The authors would be grateful to receive any comments, no matter how small. This will enable the publication, in due course, of a definitive checklist of the birds of Iraq giving detailed status of each species. In submitting comments it is important to note the two appendices on which further details are particularly sought.

Nature Iraq has recently established a bird records committee to appraise any new observations. The Iraq Bird Records Committee (IBRC) will attempt to assess records of any new species for Iraq so as to

help maintain the standard and integrity of the national checklist.

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Appendix A

Records cited in the literature but no longer considered acceptable without substantiation

English Name	Scientific name	Iraq Status	Primary reference source and notes
Lesser Spotted Eagle	<i>Aquila pomarina</i>	Not Proven	Past occasional winter records (see Allouse 1953) probably refer to Greater Spotted Eagle
Saunders's Tern	<i>Sternula saundersi</i>	Not Proven	No evidence to support a recent claim
Crowned Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles coronatus</i>	Not Proven	See: Allouse 1953
White-spectacled Bulbul	<i>Pycnonotus xanthopygos</i>	Not Proven	Rasmussen, S. A. (1992) First records of Yellow-vented Bulbul in Iraq. <i>Sandgrouse</i> 14: 54-55 However there is some doubt as this may have been a bird escaped from captivity.
Common Grasshopper Warbler	<i>Locustella naevia</i>	Not Proven	Allouse 1953 does not include it. Listed in George (1969) but no supporting evidence.
Savi's Warbler	<i>Locustella luscinioides</i>	Not Proven	Allouse 1953 does not include it. Listed in George (1969) but no supporting evidence.
Desert Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia minula</i>	Not proven.	Given in Al-Dabbagh 1998 but no supporting evidence
Spectacled Warbler	<i>Sylvia conspicillata</i>	Not Proven	Allouse 1953 cites a record by Meinertzhagen in 1920s but without supporting details.
Sardinian Warbler	<i>Sylvia melanocephala</i>	Not proven	See Ticehurst et al 1926 and Howell and Moore 1957 (but this was when <i>mystacea</i> was included under Sardinian; so best to treat as not proven

Appendix B

The following species have been mentioned in publications but no reference to their origin has been found.

English Name	Scientific name	Iraq Status
Shikra	<i>Accipiter badius</i>	No evidence of occurrence
Red-footed Falcon	<i>Falco vespertinus</i>	No evidence of occurrence
Mediterranean Gull	<i>Larus melanocephalus</i>	No evidence of occurrence
Sandwich Tern	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	No evidence of occurrence
Asian Short-toed Lark	<i>Calandrella cheleensis</i>	No evidence of occurrence